

AUTOMOBIL ENGINE SAVES OFFICIALS

Commissioners Decide to
Replace Horse-Drawn
Fire Apparatus.

Motor fire apparatus is to be installed in the District.

Following the test of a motor engine at Fifteenth and B streets northwest this morning Commissioner West announced that it will be the policy of the District to replace the horse-drawn fire engines and hose carts with motor vehicles.

The Commissioners have at their disposal \$2,500 for the purchase of an engine of the second class, and an endeavor will be made to obtain a motor engine that will come within the appropriation. In their next estimates the Commissioners will include an item for the purchase of other motor vehicles.

Will Be Cheaper.

"After witnessing the test today, I was more convinced than ever of the advisability of replacing the horse-drawn engines with the motor machines," said Commissioner West. "It was demonstrated without doubt that the installation of motor engines will result in a saving to the District, which in itself is a convincing argument."

Five gallons of gasoline will operate a motor engine five hours at a cost of from 50 to 75 cents, while in the same length of time a steam engine will consume a ton of splint coal, for which the District at present is paying \$5.50 a ton. Six horses are required for each engine, and the monthly cost of their maintenance is \$80. It will be a matter of economy, therefore, to install the motor engines.

The machine tested today is the product of a Pittsburgh company. A run of eight squares, during which four corners were turned was made in 1 minute and 20 seconds. Tests were made with seven-eighths and one and three-quarter inch nozzles, displacing 650 gallons of water a minute. Chief Wagner, who has long been an advocate of the motor fire engine, was enthusiastic in his praise of the demonstration, which was given under the supervision of Thomas L. Pratt, Jr., manager of the company.

Will Investigate Other Types.

Before advertising for bids, Chief Wagner will make careful investigation of the various types of motor fire engines now on the market.

Among those who witnessed the test were Commissioner West, Acting Engineer Commissioner, Capt. E. M. Marlin, Chief Wagner, T. M. Robinson, Superintendent of Machinery, W. F. McFarland, Superintendent of the Water Department, George W. Wallace, Water Registrar, and W. F. Guide, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner West and Chief Wagner narrowly missed a good ducking when the engine was working at Fourteenth and B streets this morning. The pipe line between the hydrant and the engine suddenly went on a rampage and gave several of the spectators a good soaking.

The mishap was due to a failure to properly connect the pipe line from the hydrant with the engine, and as the pump was put in operation there was water in all directions for a few seconds.

MILITARY UNION TO GO INTO CAMP

Arrangements for transportation of delegates to the biennial encampment of the Army and Navy Union are being made by the Washington camp. It is expected that the party will be made up of about forty delegates. The convention will meet in Erie, Pa., next Wednesday.

At a meeting last evening in G. A. R. Hall it was decided that the delegation be headed by Gen. Andrew B. Urr, U. S. A., retired. Delegates from the Women's Auxiliary will also be taken along. The delegates will leave Union Station Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock.

EXCURSIONS.

Many Washingtonians will spend Labor Day out of town. Of these, a large number are expected to take advantage of the special Labor Day excursion to Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Ocean View, arranged by the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company.

The schedule of this trip permits an outing at these resorts, where every enjoyment associated with salt water is provided.

In view of the demand for accommodations, two of the company's fast and well equipped steamers have been pressed into service, and will leave their wharves at 6:45 Saturday evening, reaching Old Point Comfort at an early hour the following morning, and returning to Washington Tuesday morning.

Special round-trip tickets for the excursion, as well as tickets including accommodations at Hotel Chamberlain, are available.

Excursionists desiring of extending their trip to Northern points can do so advantageously, as this company's steamers make connections at Norfolk with the boats of the Merchants and Miners' and Old Dominion Companies for Boston, Providence, and New York city.

DEATH AND INJURY IN CYCLONE'S WAKE

Eighteen Known to Have
Been Killed and 150
Wounded.

CATANIA, Sept. 4.—Reports today from Sicily, in southeastern Sicily, say that eighteen are known to have been killed and at least 150 severely injured in the cyclone that struck the town yesterday.

More than 100 houses, including many of the important buildings of the place, were destroyed and it is feared that the death list will be greatly increased when the ruins are cleared away.

Sicily has a population of 10,000, and half the people fled to the country in fear. They remembered the earthquake of last December and believed another terrible visitation was upon them.

Y. M. C. A. GAINING.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The year book of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America, just issued, shows that the organization now includes 1,914 associations with 48,827 members, a gain of 10,500 in twelve months.

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BANKS WILL CLOSE DOORS ON MONDAY

Labor Day Will Be Featured
by Baseball Games in
Alexandria.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU,
ALEXANDRIA, VA., SEPT. 4.

Labor Day will be observed in Alexandria by the closing of the banks and city offices. There will be no general observance of the day and the only public amusement Monday will be four games of baseball.

The Cardinal Athletic Club of this city will play a game with the Rose Buds, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on the baseball grounds in North Alfred street. Immediately at the completion of this game they will play another one with the Mohawk Athletic Club of Washington.

The Regulars Baseball Club will play a double-header with the Cherrydale Athletic Club on the old fair grounds Monday. The first game will start at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and the last one at 4:30 o'clock.

The clerk of the city school board will, on Monday morning, next, begin the issuing of permits to children to attend the public schools. The schools will open for studies on Monday, September 13.

The board of fire wardens held a lengthy meeting at the Reliance engine house, in North Patrick street, last evening. Many matters of interest to the department were discussed, but no action was taken on them.

Louise Virginia Dunlap, the eight-month-old daughter of Samuel and Carrie Dunlap, died at her parents' home, 1215 King street, this morning.

The Elks' Dramatic Club, of this city, will give an excursion to Marshall Hall next Wednesday.

Alice Kitts, colored, reports to the police that some one stole a small bank from her house last night which contained about \$15 in money. The police are investigating.

George K. Bender has bought from James Fossard and his wife a story frame house 423 North Alfred street.

The two chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy, on Wednesday, will confer the Crosses of Honor upon the Confederate soldiers in Alexandria. The conferring of the crosses will be the occasion of quite a celebration at Lee Camp Hall, and during the evening, musical and literary exercises will be held.

Mr. Vernon Royal Arch Masons have elected the following officers: High priest, W. H. Charles; king, M. L. L. Dinwiddie; scribe, F. W. Latham; treasurer, W. L. Allen; secretary, K. Kemper; chaplain, the Rev. C. D. Bulla.

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Those planning picnics for Labor Day will find Chevy Chase Lake a delightful and convenient place. The splendid car service makes it accessible, while its natural attractions insure thorough enjoyment. It is essentially a family resort, the extensive grounds, paid for at all times, are plentifully supplied with chairs and tables, and there is ample shelter in case of an unexpected shower. The resort is entirely free from all objectionable features.

The United States Marine Band concert every evening at 7 o'clock, is a principal attraction.

Those interested in dancing will appreciate the excellent facilities provided for this pastime. Music for dances is furnished in the pavilion for the conclusion of the concert at 9 p. m.

The above attractions are supplemented by others. A turn on the ponies or a ride in the burro carts on the illuminated pony track are favorite amusements for the young.

Moving pictures in the rustic theater, bowling, shooting, and boating round out the list of attractions.

There are but four days more to the excursion season to Colonial Beach, and many are taking advantage of these days for their final trip to the resort.

The steamer St. Johns is making daily trips to the resort from now until next Tuesday. Those who wish to take advantage of the Labor Day holiday may leave Washington Monday or Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and returning leave the beach Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday afternoons at 6 o'clock.

The excursionists who leave Saturday evening and return Monday evening will enjoy a good outing without any loss of time at their offices. On all trips stops will be made at Alexandria.

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DELEGATES MEET OR VETERAN MEET

Union Legion Promises to
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Delegates began arriving in Washington this morning to attend the twenty-fourth national encampment of the Union Veteran Legion, which will convene in this city next Tuesday night, at 7 o'clock. Present indications are that the encampment will be the most largely attended in the history of the organization.

The encampment will open with a meeting of National Commander T. J. Shannon and the executive committee at the Arlington Hotel, Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, there will be a reception to the national officers and delegates of Ladies' Union Veteran Legion, given by Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 32, U. V. L.

The credentials committee will meet at the Arlington at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, and at 10 o'clock the first business session of the encampment will be held. After the business meeting the delegates and officers will be photographed on the steps of the Treasury Department.

Business Session.

A business session will also be held Wednesday afternoon, and the same night there will be a public meeting and reception of officers and delegates by the District Commissioners and members of the Chamber of Commerce in the auditorium of the Arlington.

An elaborate program has been arranged for the reception, and addresses will be made by Commissioner Macfarland, William F. Guide, president of the Chamber of Commerce, National Commander T. J. Shannon, Vespasian Warner, Commissioner of Pensions, and others.

Only one business session will be held Thursday, and in the afternoon the delegates will go on an excursion down the Potomac. The annual camp will be held at the Arlington Thursday evening.

The last business session will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning. In the afternoon there will be trips about the city in sightseeing automobiles, and Saturday will be spent visiting nearby battlefields.

Veterans of War.

The Union Veteran Legion is composed of officers and soldiers and sailors of the Union army and navy who served during the war of the rebellion. The organization is a union of veterans. The national officers are: Thomas J. Shannon, national commander; O. F. Halliday, adjutant general; Henry Sanford, assistant adjutant general; Benjamin D. Mier, quartermaster general; A. C. Graham, and C. J. Carr, national standard bearers; Henry J. Hall and Joseph A. Frick, headquarters buglers; J. S. Shaw, senior vice national commander; W. N. Simpson, junior vice national commander; C. H. Gardner, surgeon general; the Rev. N. H. Holmes, D. D., chaplain-in-chief; Levi Bird Duff, judge advocate general; Elias W. Beach, chief of staff; W. P. Griffin, chief mustering officer; George W. Elstun, inspector general.

Executive committee—F. L. Blair, C. G. Stewart, Thomas H. Carter, James Lynn, J. D. Hunt.

Legislative and pension committee—Glen A. B. Hay, Gen. Archibald Blakeley, Hon. W. W. Brown, Gen. W. W. Dudley, Gen. W. H. Manning, Gen. F. A. Butts, Gen. Benjamin N. Woodruff.

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Fruits—Apples, new, per barrel, \$1.00; California, per box, \$2.50; small, per box, \$2.00; cantaloupes, per crate, 50c; peaches, per basket, 75c; watermelons, 15c; grapes, per quart, 10c.

Vegetables.

Vegetables—New potatoes, per bbl. \$2.00; sweet potatoes, per bbl. \$2.00; spring cabbage, per bbl. \$2.00; squash, per crate, 25c; string beans, per bbl. \$2.00; lettuce, per basket, 10c; peas, per bushel, 25c; radishes, per 100, 25c; onions, per bbl. \$2.00; corn, per doz. \$2.00; tomatoes, per box, 40c; green peppers, per bbl. \$2.00; lima beans, per quart, 10c.

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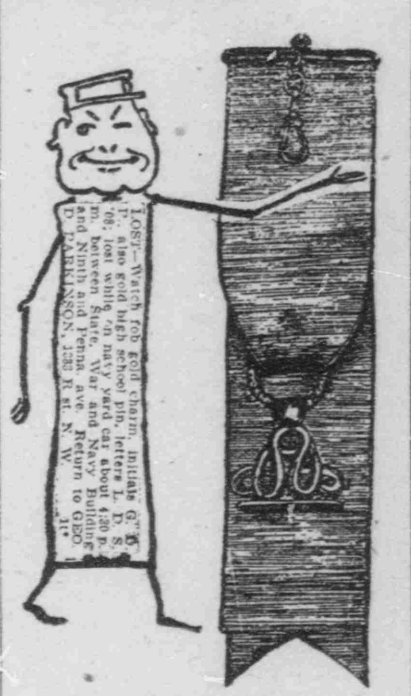
PROPOSALS will be received at the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., until 10 o'clock a. m., September 7, 1909, and publicly opened immediately thereafter, to furnish at the navy yard, Washington, D. C., etc., a quantity of naval supplies, as follows: Sch. 1584: Punching and shearing machine, Sch. 1585: Oak leaf bag, Fies sulphur, hard rubber cable, brass tubing, phosphor-bronze wire, window frames and sashes. Applications for proposals should designate the schedules desired by number. Blank proposals will be furnished upon application to the Bureau, E. R. ROGERS, Paymaster General, U. S. N.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at the Department until 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, September 15, 1909, for the construction of a Science Hall at the Howard University, Washington, D. C., in accordance with drawings and specifications, copies of which with form of proposal may be had on application at the Department ON OR AFTER AUGUST 31, 1909. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, waive technical defects, to accept one part and reject the other as the interests of the Government may require. Proposals should be securely enveloped, marked "Proposals for Science Hall," and be addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C. JESSE E. WILSON, Acting Secretary.

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